Reorganization of the Youth and Adult Correctional Agency (YACA)

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"The pioneers of management a century ago were right. **Organizational Structure is needed....** But the pioneers were wrong in their assumption that there is – or should be – one right organization....

Management needs to learn to look for, to develop, to test **The organization that fits** the task."

Peter F. Drucker



Independent Review Panel (IRP)

The IRP made 239 specific recommendations targeted to every aspect of the State's correctional organization & operations. In part, the IRP concluded:

- ...a correctional system in need of drastic and fundamental reform, beginning with its very structure.
- ...the severity of the problems dictate the need for wholesale reform, and that reform should begin with the system's organizational structure.
- ...to a significant extent, the problems of California's correctional system grew out of its structure.



YACA Assessment

- Current organization was designed for a different era (i.e., smaller size, more stable environment).
- Issues of the past decade have been inappropriately forced into the existing structure; the actual need was to redesign the structure to meet a new set of challenges.
- No strategic plan existed to establish organizational priorities and therefore guide the structural design.



Reorganization Built on Three Basic Principles

- Consolidation
- Elevation of rehabilitation and treatment services to equal partnership with custody
- Creation of new proactive functions
 (Risk Management, Community Partnerships)

Emergent Issues Requiring Reform

- Inmate/Ward Growth (between 1985 and 2004)
 - □ Institution Population: 57,000 ? 172,000
 - □ Parole Population: 37,000 ? 118,000
 - □ Employees: 15,000 ? 54,000 (16% of State Workforce)
 - □ Budget: \$1 billion ? \$6 billion (5.6% of State Budget)
- Employee Discipline / Code of Silence / Federal Court Oversight
- Health Care / Federal Court Oversight
- Recidivism
- Evidence-Based Research
 - □ Education / Vocational Programs
 - □ Parole Function
 - □ Community-Based Involvement
- Fiscal Accountability
- Leadership Development
- Management-Labor Relations



Steps taken to date

- December 2003
 - Began the restructure of the Agency leadership
- January 2004
 - □ Began Strategic Planning efforts
- January June 2004
 - □ Developed the new Agency Vision/Mission/Values



Steps taken to date (cont.)

- July 2004
 - Used the IRP Report and preliminary strategic planning work as the basis to hold a week-long Strategic Planning conference: Future Focused Leadership: A Call to Action
 - Conference designed to engage:
 - Executive Leadership
 - Wardens
 - Superintendents
 - ☐ Healthcare Managers
 - □ Agency Stakeholders/Partners



Steps taken to date (cont.)

- August 2004
 - □ Established 20 Structural Design Teams
- August November 2004 and ongoing
 - □ Provided training to Leadership
- November 2004
 - □ First ever joint meeting of CDC and CYA Captains and Majors to ensure they understood their role in the current and future organization to improve staff and institution safety
 - □ Emphasized the need for continued vigilance during the reorganization and back to basics to be sure we are doing the basic job well.



Steps taken to date (cont.)

- November December 2004
 - Submitted and received approval from the Governor for the proposed Structural Reorganization and first ever Agency Strategic Plan
- January 2005
 - □ Reorganization plan submitted to Little Hoover Commission
 - Consolidated six functions under the Agency



Next Steps

- Build a systematic approach to correctional and rehabilitation programs from time of commitment to custody, to reintegration into the community
- Proactively enforce victims rights and establish restorative justice practices
- Ensure safe and secure facilities for both staff and offenders



Next Steps (cont.)

- Build community collaboration
- Build Training Academy and Command College
- Establish outcome measures and performance indicators
 - Intermediate (e.g. improve job skills)
 - Long Term (e.g. reduce recidivism)
 - □ Strategic Plan Measures Complete Late February
 - □ Program Measures Begin in March



Next Steps (cont.)

- Begin issuing progress reports on reform efforts
- Conduct an organizational assessment via employee survey
- Establish 50 to 100 Implementation Teams
- Conduct Pilot Studies
 - □ Earned Discharge Parole
 - Work training, education, mental illness
 - Cost benefit analysis for selected programs



Little Hoover Commission's ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS WHEN WEIGHING THE MERITS OF REFORM December 2004

- Leadership Completed
- Clarity of Purpose and Goals Completed
- Strategic Priorities Completed
- Performance and Productivity-

In progress